nal and is around 200 kgs as compared to a national production of 8442 tonnes.

(b) to (d) The State Government of Rajasthan had formulated a sericulture project to bring an area of 5200 h.a. under mulberry plantation in 20 districts of the State with World Bank assistance to the extent of Rs. 11.84 crore. The proposal has been considered and the State of Rajasthan has been included by the Central Silk Board as one of the 12 pilot states to be covered by the Board under the National Sericulture Project to be implemented with World Bank/ Swiss assistance. The project is scheduled to be implemented in the current financial year.

Negotiation on intellectual Property rights under the General Agreement on Trade and Tariff.

367. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have agreed to negotiate substantive norms and standards relating to intellectual property rights under the General Agreement for Trade and Tariff (GATT), if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(b) if not, what is Government's stand and whether they still stick to the stand that was taken at the Montreal Meeting?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) The Punta del Este Declaration, which launched the Uruguay Round, provided for negotiations in the area of Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights, including trade in counterfeit goods, with the aim of clarifying GATT provisions and to elaborate, as appropriate, new rules and disciplines.

At Montreal, industrialised countries as well as a number of developing countries were in agreement that the Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights should encompass substantive aspects of intellectual property rights, including norms and standards. However, India and several other developing countries maintained that they could not accept consideration of substantive norms and standards under the GATT. Moreover, it was necessary to balance any consideration of these substantive aspects with consideration of the underlying policy objectives of public interest and developmental and technological needs of developing countries. The issue remained unresolved at Montreal.

Murder of an IPS Probationer in Imphal

368. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) in what circumstances Miss Vandana Malik, a probationer I.P.S. officer was killed along with two constables near Imphal in the first week of April;

(b) whether the killers have been identified and if so, what action has been taken in this connection;

(c) what action is being taken by the Central Government to check growing terrorist activities in this area; and

(d) whether the terrorists are getting any help from foreign countries and if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) On 8th April 1989, when Kumari Vandana Malik was returning to the Lamsang Police Station along with 6 police personnel after supervising security arrangements at Western College in connection with HSLC examination, her jeep was